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For: METHODS FOR SCREENING LIGANDS THAT ACTIVATE THE
TRANSLOCATION OF A STEROID RECEPTOR TO THE NUCLEUS
IN MAMMALIAN CELLS

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Madam/Sir:

**COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO THE
OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 2, 2005 AND
PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Communication is being submitted in response to an Office Action dated December 2, 2005, issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application. A response to the Office Action was due March 2, 2006. A two-month extension of time for responding to the Office Action is hereby requested. The required fee for this two-month extension of time is TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$225.00) for a small entity. Applicants hereby enclose a check in the amount of \$225.00 to cover the two-month extension fee. A response to the Office Action with a two-month extension of time is now due on May 2, 2006. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

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